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Dear Council Chair Anthony Doan,

I urge you to adopt all of the proposed energy code updates for residential homes, because moving away from methane gas in our buildings is important for addressing the climate crisis, and public health. I am a 26 year old, lifelong resident of Washington State, and I am extremely concerned for my future on this planet given the climate crisis. My generation does not have the luxury of planning for our future, because we can not be certain we will even have one. Anything you can do to reduce carbon emissions in our state is one step you are taking towards ensuring the continuation and thriving of future generations. Building with gas poses serious public safety concerns as gas lines must be fed by pipelines that not only leak but sit on a major earthquake Faultline in our region, posing the very real threat of explosions. Electric heat pumps are a much safer option. Not only that but they are a healthier option for residents. I have watched too many of my peers suffer asthma and other environmentally born chronic illness as the result of the toxins in our homes and atmosphere. We are supposed to be young, healthy, and in the prime of our lives, but because of the chemicals and pollutants we have been persistently exposed to many young people are sick.

Homes and buildings are one of the largest and fastest-growing sources of climate pollution in Washington — and we're consuming more and more energy as our state's population increases. These code updates ensure that, as we are building new homes, we are doing so sustainably and responsibly, while protecting public health and safety. Please do your part to keep young people safe and healthy by passing updates for clean codes and healthy homes. Remember that the decisions you make now will have implications for decades to come, and the climate and future generations can not wait. We are counting on you. Thank you, S. Alice Grendon Olympia, WA

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